

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSLISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). A network system connecting a plurality of different types of user terminal devices and a network server via a known communication system, wherein

each of said plurality of different types of user terminal devices comprises:

means for retrieving information from a removable memory storing user specific information, and

means for transmitting said user specific information and information identifying a type of terminal device of said plurality of different types of user terminal devices used by a user as specific information when said removable memory is loaded, wherein said information identifying said type of terminal device includes terminal type attributes and media type attributes corresponding to said type of terminal device; and

said network server comprises:

means for receiving said specific information transmitted by said type of terminal device used by said user,

means for registering said user specific information and said information identifying said type of terminal device included in said specific information,

means for identifying said type of terminal device being used by said user and for authenticating said user by referring to said registered information,

means for converting message information addressed to said authenticated user to a data format compatible with said type of terminal device based on said terminal type attributes and said media type attributes of said terminal device being used by said user, and

means for transmitting said converted message information to said type of terminal device being used by said user.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented). The network system according to claim 1, wherein said means for registering erases said registered information when said memory means is extracted from said terminal device.

Claims 4-9 (Canceled).